

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a wagering game, comprising:
receiving a wager from a player to play the wagering game;
accumulating bonus points based on ~~predetermined criteria~~ a randomly selected outcome in the wagering game; and

allowing the player to redeem a number of the bonus points for one of a plurality of possible player-selectable options at a time selected by the player, the plurality of player-selectable options including: (i) an immediately specified credit amount and (ii) a bonus game feature for determining a random award greater than, equal to or less than the immediately specified credit amount.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of possible options include a plurality of bonus game features worth different numbers of the bonus points such that the different numbers of the bonus points are redeemed to play the respective bonus game features.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the bonus game features are interactive.
- 5-6. (Canceled)
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the bonus game feature includes a plurality of player-selectable elements.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the allowing includes allowing the player to redeem the number of the bonus points during any game play cycle defined as starting with the wager and ending with a succeeding wager triggering another play of the game.

9. (Currently Amended) A gaming machine for conducting a wagering game, comprising:
a value input device for receiving a wager from a player to play the wagering game; and
a processor operative to
accumulate bonus points based on ~~predetermined criteria~~ a randomly selected outcome in the wagering game; and
allow the player to redeem a number of the bonus points for an one of a plurality of possible player-selectable options at a time selected by the player, the plurality of player-selectable options including: (i) an immediately specified credit amount and (ii) a bonus game feature for determining a random award greater than, equal to or less than the immediately specified credit amount.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Previously Presented) The machine of claim 9, wherein the plurality of possible options include a plurality of bonus game features worth different numbers of the bonus points such that the different numbers of the bonus points are redeemed to play the respective bonus game features.
12. (Original) The machine of claim 11, wherein the bonus game features are interactive.
- 13-14. (Canceled)
15. (Previously Presented) The machine of claim 9, wherein the bonus game feature includes a plurality of player-selectable elements.
16. (Original) The machine of claim 9, wherein the processor is operative to allow the player to redeem the number of the bonus points during any game play cycle defined as starting with the wager and ending with a succeeding wager triggering another play of the game.